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COMPTROLLER INSTRUCTION NO. 45

SUBJECT: Payment of Claims Chargeable to Lapsed Appropriations Under  
Public Law 798, 84th Congress

RESCISSION: Comptroller Notice No. 4-56, dated 17 February 1956

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to provide the accounting policy and procedure to implement Public Law 798, 84th Congress, with respect to the payment of claims chargeable to lapsed appropriations.

2. POLICY

- a. The accounting for balances retained from lapsed appropriations for liquidation of outstanding obligations shall be performed in accordance with the following in order to simplify to the maximum extent practicable the detailed record keeping operations:
  - (1) This Office shall establish, following the close of each fiscal year, on the records of the Fiscal and Finance Divisions, amounts of unliquidated obligations based upon detailed listings to be prepared by the Fiscal Division and by confidential fund allottees.
  - (2) Fiscal and Finance Divisions ordinarily shall record expenditures relating to lapsed appropriations as reductions of the gross amounts of unliquidated obligations previously recorded; however, where individual claims of substantial amounts (e.g., claims exceeding \$10,000) are processed for payment, consideration shall be given to their effect upon undisbursed balances for purposes of assuring that undisbursed balances are sufficient to satisfy the amount of the payment.
  - (3) Fiscal and Finance Divisions shall, at the end of each month, review the undisbursed balances of lapsed appropriations to determine the status thereof and take any action deemed necessary.

3. PROCEDURE

a. GENERAL

- (1) Separate asset and budgetary accounts (hereinafter called "M" accounts) shall be established using the suffix "M" to control available assets, obligations and expenditures after the expiration of the second full fiscal year following the fiscal year or years for which the appropriation was available for obligation.
- (2) At the close of each fiscal year detailed listings will be used as bases for establishing the amounts of unliquidated obligations for which funds shall be retained by the Agency in the separate appropriation accounts established in accordance with the preceding paragraph. These listings for vouchered fund obligations, shall be prepared by the Fiscal Division; for confidential fund obligations the listings shall be obtained by the Finance Division from the allottees. The listings will show the date of incurrence and amount of all unliquidated obligations relating to lapsed appropriations, as well as the dates and amounts of any receivables relating to the lapsed appropriations. The Fiscal and Finance Divisions shall transmit such listings to the Budget Division for its use in determining the amounts to be established in the "M" accounts.
- (3) Since under Public Law 798 there is no need to charge payments in liquidation of obligations applicable to lapsed appropriations to a current appropriation, the approval requirements of paragraph 9b of Regulation 25X1A [REDACTED] are no longer applicable. // Good

b. BUDGET DIVISION

The Budget Division shall:

- (1) Review vouchered and confidential funds listings of prior years' unliquidated obligations and receivables and determine the amounts which should be established in the "M" accounts by the Fiscal and Finance Divisions. In this connection consideration should be given to the status of the obligations and receivables in terms of the prospects of payments and collections with due regard to the statutes of limitations affecting unpaid accounts.
- (2) Obtain necessary approvals from the Bureau of the Budget, the Treasury Department, and the General Accounting Office for the adjustments required between regular appropriations and "M" accounts.

- (3) Prepare memorandum advices to Finance and Fiscal Divisions to serve as bases for recording such amounts in the "M" accounts,
- (4) Authorize all transactions involving the return of lapsed funds to the U.S. Treasury and prepare any necessary requests for restoration of lapsed funds.

c. FINANCE DIVISION

The Finance Division shall:

- (1) Record prior years' unliquidated confidential funds obligations based upon memorandum advice from the Budget Division.
- (2) Maintain appropriate "M" accounts applicable to lapsed appropriations which reflect the available balances of funds and obligations established for confidential funds transactions.
- (3) Code expenditures relating to lapsed appropriations with an "M" in lieu of the fiscal year designation, and code each expenditure with the allotment account number under which the obligation was initially incurred, i.e., M-3615-72-118; also, reflect the obligation reference number when it is available. In this manner the fiscal year designator "M" will control unliquidated obligations applicable to lapsed appropriations and identify expenditure transactions relating to such appropriations to provide a basis for inclusion in the cost report and for the periodic preparation of a separate expenditure report by allottees.
- (4) Prepare and transmit to the Fiscal Division quarterly advices of reimbursements to be made to the Finance Division's current year fund accounts from the Fiscal Division's "M" account representing liquidations of prior years' obligations.

d. FISCAL DIVISION

The Fiscal Division shall:

- (1) Record prior years' unliquidated obligations based upon memorandum advice from the Budget Division.
- (2) Maintain appropriate "M" accounts applicable to lapsed appropriations which reflect the available balances of funds and obligations established for vouchered funds.

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- (3) Record appropriate adjustments between regular appropriation fund accounts and the "M" fund accounts, based upon advices furnished by the Finance Division.

e. GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS AND ILLUSTRATIVE ENTRIES

Revision of general ledger accounts required by the Fiscal and Finance Divisions and illustrative journal entries relating to "M" accounts are being provided by concurrent revisions of the chart and description of accounts for each division.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The entries required to record "M" accounts for the unliquidated obligations applicable to 1954 and prior years shall be made before 30 June 1957. Expenditures applicable to lapsed appropriations recorded between 1 September 1956 and the date the foregoing "M" account entries are made will be applied in reduction of the amounts established in the "M" accounts. It will not be necessary in this connection to recode confidential funds expenditures recorded prior to the date this Instruction is made operative to reflect the allotment account number under which the obligation was initially incurred as will be required for future transactions by paragraph 3c(3) of this Instruction.

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all personnel + discuss  
before processing any  
accounts pertaining to  
closed funds. List  
should be compiled before  
discussion *WLD*